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B. EC BRUSSELS 7293

1. ACCORDING TO VANDEN ABEELE, DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET OF
EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET, THE COMMISSION IS WORKING
ON A NUMBER OF POSITIVE STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMUNITY

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ENERGY STRATEGY AGREED TO ON SEPTEMBER 17 (REFTELA).

CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION ARE PAPERS ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: A. COAL; B. THE RELATIONSHIP WITH KOIL FIRMS; C. URANIUM ENRICHMENT, WHICH INCLUDES POTENTIAL EXPANSION OF EUROPEAN ENRICHMENT FACILITIES; D. PRODUCTION OF AND DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY; AND E. ENERGY CONSERVATION.

2. THE CURRENT SCENARIO CALLS FOR A MEETING OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 9 TO APPROVE THE PAPERS LISTED ABOVE. THE COMMISSIONERS, AT THEIR MEETING ON OCTOBER 15, ARE SCHEDULED TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE ENERGY COMMITTEE AND FORWARD THE PAPERS TO THE COUNCIL. A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING DEVOTED TO ENERGY IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER, ALTHOUGH ENERGY-RELATED MATTERS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

3. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO SORT OUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY ENERGY STRATEGY AND THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP). IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FIRM INDICATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE FRENCH WILL BE A PART OF THE IEP--OR, FOR THAT MATTER, WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL PARTICIPATE--THEIR EFFORTS ARE NOW LARGELY LIMITED TO FACT-FINDING. VANDEN ABEELE SAID THAT SIMONET PLANNED TO DISCUSS FRENCH PARTICIPATION WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN PARIS EITHER LATE THIS WEEK OR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. GREENWALD

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